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Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

The Christian Crusade.

THE wider knowledge of the world brought by the war has revealed startling conditions; in most parts the Church has hardly penetrated the fringe of a tremendous work; large masses in all the continents are still untouched by the Christian message, and even in Christian countries what is wrong with the world is that the Christian moral basis has become undermined. To restore that Christian moral code and to extend the Christian Crusade to the dark corners of the earth, is the purpose of the present Missionary Campaign.

CHARTER. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was founded in 1701. In its universality it differs from every other Missionary Society. It has confined itself to no special races or countries, but has laboured alike for English-speaking settlers in all lands, for those who walk in the twilight of the great non-Christian religions, and for those who have long been in the darkness of heathenism.

Societas de promovendo Evangelio in partibus transmarinis.

Thus the official title runs. The word *promovendo* would have been more correctly translated by *extension* or *advancement (promoveo)*. The first founders of the Society wisely adopted the English *propagation (propago)*, in the sense of branches planted out to root. So the policy of the Society has ever been to establish in every land not the Church of England, but branches of the One Catholic and Apostolic Church, on a self-supporting basis, and with a native ministry.

EDUCATIONAL. Such a result cannot be expected to work itself out without carefully organised activity. The following plan is suggested:—

1. **That a missionary sermon once a month be preached in every Church, and that in Sunday School and Bible-class a more important place be given to the missionary teaching of the Bible.**

   Read the call just issued by the Central Board of Missions, "To those who teach." (Price ½d. per copy).

   The Society provides outline addresses on each of the several fields of its activity. (Price 2d. each).

2. **That annual missionary sermons and meetings be developed into Missionary Week-ends for the wider extension of the missionary spirit and a deeper devotion of workers.**

For more exact information see page 7.

3. **That Study Circles be instituted among those newly confirmed and adults, particularly during Lent, to promote a wider knowledge of the Society's methods and work.**

Subjects for study are issued also in elementary form for use among the less instructed.

4. **That a missionary literature body be established in every parish for the circulation of magazines dealing with the Society's work at home and abroad.**

There can be no sound basis without this: "Missionary facts are the fuel of missionary fire."

5. **That Missions Overseas be clearly placed before young Christians at their Confirmation as part of the responsibility laid upon them in that Sacrament.**

A useful leaflet on this subject is issued by the Society.

6. **That a Parochial Missionary Committee be formed in every parish to co-ordinate and encourage all missionary activity.**

See "Parochial Associations" among the Society's Home Organisation leaflets. (Issued free.)

INTERCESSION.

No plan of organisation can be expected to succeed which has not in it a large place for intercessory prayer, both individual and collective. Subjects for prayer are regularly issued by the Society. There is urgent need at present :—

1 **That in the Services of the Church more prominence be given to missionary prayers.**

A missionary collect is sanctioned by Convocation for general use, and one Diocesan at least has authorised a Missionary Evensong for Sundays.

2. **That those who devote themselves to missionary work should be invited to form a Missionary Prayer Union, meeting monthly for intercession.**

"Prayer Meetings for Churchmen" is an instructive and useful guide for such gatherings.

3. **That Prayer Circles be formed on the lines of Study Circles.**

This is a natural development of the Study Circle, leading men and women to pray together for what they have studied together.

4. **That prayers for Missions be given a place in all family prayers.**

5. **That Intercession Services be organised by every Missionary Association, meeting in Church after Evensong on Sunday or on a week-day at regular intervals.**

   The arrangement of such Services might well be undertaken by King's Workers. For information about this Association, write to K.W. Secretary at the S.P.G. House.
   Forms of missionary intercession for this purpose are issued by the Society.

6. **That one result of the Campaign may be a vast increase of private intercession.**

   The Quarterly Intercession Paper, Mid-day Prayers, the Cycle of Prayer and Praise, and the Mission Field Intercessions gather up immediate and urgent needs into convenient form.

GIVING.

Just as missionary prayer is an integral portion of Christian worship, so regular giving is a vital part of Christian service. It is one of the clear duties insisted upon in the teaching of the New Testament. In order to meet the urgent needs of the Society it is suggested :—

1. **That every Church should decide on an ideal missionary revenue to be raised during the year, and set out a carefully considered plan to attain that ideal.**

   The S.P.G. is faced with the necessity to increase its present income by £35,000. An apportionment plan has been prepared on that scale, which may be obtained from the Society.
   The cost of maintaining the Society's pledged support to the Missionary Dioceses is nearly £20 an hour for each day of 24 hours during the year. A strong appeal is made for the support of every man and woman in the struggle to continue this work in all parts of the world.

2. **That a canvass of Communicants be made for increased support of missionary work.**

   Incorporated Members are clergy and laymen pledged to support Missions, who subscribe at least £1 1s. 0d. a year to the General Fund.
   Members are Communicants, men and women pledged to support missionary work, who subscribe at least 5s. 0d. a year to the General Fund.

3. **That more organised efforts be made to obtain subscriptions by instalment.**

   Let this year of special appeal see the enlistment of an army of new box-holders. These points should be impressed on all : that we give our own money and not the money of other people : that the sum we undertake to give weekly is so small (anything between a half-penny and sixpence) that we can maintain it with absolute regularity : that we never give without prayer.

4. **That the seasons of Lent and Advent be more particularly set aside as times for special giving to missionary work.**

   Cardboard boxes for use at these seasons are issued free of cost by the Society.

5. **That Sunday School and Bible Class contributions be more fully developed for missionary work abroad.**

   For more exact information about work among children write to the King's Messengers Department, S.P.G. House.

6. **That the free-will envelope system be adopted as an additional effort, even where it may not be possible to devote Sunday Collections to the Society.**

Send to the Society for a leaflet on the envelope system.

SERVICE ABROAD.

That the Church at home may realise that the present time has brought the whole world within the range, not only of missionary hope, but of missionary possibility, and that each one who is not precluded from offering may be ready to respond to the Missionary Call.

Each part of the foreign field will require more workers than ever, in consequence of the war. India and the Far East are already feeling the urgency of the case. Events in Africa have made opportunity outstrip missionary enterprise. In the Colonial Dioceses it is anticipated that increased settlement will rapidly create a need for workers in large numbers.

From all the fields of war there come letters telling of those who have been moved by their experiences to desire to devote their lives, when peace comes, to the work of the Church overseas.

While the training that will be required for them, and for others offering at home, will be a matter for careful consideration and treatment, there is no reason for anxiety on that score. The Missionary and other Colleges will be prepared to do their part. In cases where there is a lack of means, the Society's system of Missionary Studentships will, to a great extent, help in meeting the difficulty.

The Society keeps careful record of all offers and enquiries. When the war is over there will be hopeful consideration of the individual cases, as well as of the problem as a whole.

Pamphlets on the subject can be obtained from the S.P.G. House. (Price 1d. each.)

LITERATURE.

The following suggestions will be found useful for guidance in selecting suitable literature :—

For Workers among Young People.

The Day School Teacher and Missions. By Constance E. Padwick. 2d. net.
The Workers' Equipment (Conference Report). 4d. net.
The Kingdom and the Messengers—Report of War-Time Conference of K.M. Secretaries. 4d. net.
Outline Lessons for Sunday Schools. 1d. net each (Packet of 12 different lessons, 4d. each)
Set of six coloured Wall Pictures (size 16¾ in. by 12½ in.) 2s. 6d. net.
Senior Lessons on ditto. 3d. net. Junior Lessons on ditto. 2d. net.
Large Coloured Picture (size 29 by 21), "The Hope of the World.' 1s. net (by post in tube, 1s. 4d.) Small cards of same picture, 1d. each.
Set of six Lessons on the above for little children. 3d.
"Forging the Future." For the use of Teachers and Study Circles. 5d. net.

Notes for Teachers for "Forging the Future." 2d.
Suggestions for Leaders, ditto. 2d.
Packet of Pictures illustrating ditto. 2d.; per doz., 1s. 6d.
*"In difficult Places" (Stories for Boys). 4d. net.
*Yarns on Heroes of the Lone Trail. 8d. net.
*Yarns on African Pioneers. 7d. net.
*Yarns on Heroes of India. 7d. net.
*Yarns on Heroes of China. 7d. net.
*Yarns on South Sea Pioneers. 7d. net.
Heroines of Healing. 4d. net.
White Heroines of Africa. 4d net.
Various Missionary Plays and Pageants (selection and prices will be sent for approval on application).
A special Call to Give (reprinted from the K.M. Magazine). Price 2d. a dozen.
To those who teach. ½d. each. 1s. 6d. per 100 (see page 1).

* Specially suited for Boy Scout Leaders.

For Communicants and Confirmation Candidates.

Adventure for the Kingdom. 2d. net.
The Call to renewed Service. By Bp. Montgomery. 2d.
Sacrifice for the Church's Missions. By Rev. R. P. Roseveare. 2d.
The Missionary Aspect of the Holy Communion Service. 1d. per copy; 9d. per dozen.
The Art of Prayer. By the Rev. H. G. Peile. 6d. net.
Intercessory Prayer for Foreign Missions. By Canon Tupper Carey. 1d. net.
To Keen Churchmen (Study Department Leaflet No. 3). Free.
An Appeal to Communicants (Leaflet). 4 pp. free.
An Universal Army (Leaflet). 2 pp. free.
Extension of the Kingdom (Leaflet). 4 pp. free.
Why I support Overseas Missions (Leaflet). 4 pp. free.

Suggested Study Circle Books for Older Boys and Girls.

Forging the Future in South Africa. 5d.
The Casting Down of Strongholds. (India.) 4d. net.
China at the Cross-roads. 4d. net.
Gold of Guiana. 4d. net.
Missionary Studies on the Lord's Prayer. 4d. net.
The Way of Infinite Love. 4d. net.

Intercession.

Weekly Collect Card. 4 pp. A Prayer for each day of the week. Free.
Prayer for Foreign Missions. 4 pp. Size for keeping in Prayer Book and including prayer sanctioned by Convocation. Free.
A Prayer for Missions in the Time of War. Free.
Prayers for Medical Missions. 4 pp. printed in red and black. Price ½d. each.
Quarterly Intercession Paper. Price, ½d. each, or 5d. per dozen.
S.P.G. Cycle of Prayer and Praise (issued annually), and containing a list of S.P.G. Missionaries and their stations. Price 2d. net. Interleaved copies for notes. Price 6d. net.
A Manual of Prayer Intercessions and Thanksgivings used daily at the Chapel in S. P.G. House. Limp cloth, 6d. net.
Form of Missionary Intercession. 32 pp. and cover complied by a sub-Committee under the presidency of the late Bishop G. H. Wilkinson. Price 2d. net.
Litany of Missionary Intercession. 8 pp., ½d. each, or 1s. 6d. per 100.
A Simple Form of Intercession for Missions. 4 pp., ½d.; 1s. per 100.
A Short Litany on behalf of Missions. 2 pp., 1s. per 100.
The Churchmans' Prayer Manual. Edited by Canon G. R. Bullock-Webster. 1s. 6d. net.

For Young People.

Missionary Intercessions (daily prayers). 1d. per copy.
Simple Missionary Prayers for every day. Nos. 1 and 2, ½d. each or 4d. per dozen.
Children's Book of Intercession. 1d. per copy.
Missionary Prayers for use in Sunday Schools. 2d. per copy.
Office for King's Messengers Services. 1s. 6d. per 100.
Short Edition of the Quarterly Intercession Paper. ½d. or 4d. per dozen.

General.

The Story of the S.P.G. 1d.
Future Church in the Mission Field. Dr. Eugene Stock. 1d.
The Call of Empire. Rev. Canon Scott Holland. 1d.
Imperial Christianity. Sir Arthur Hirtzel. 1d.
Heathen London. Canon C. H. Robinson, D.D. 1d.
Questions and Answers concerning Foreign Missions. 1d.
In Time of War. Canon C. H. Robinson. 1d.
Objections to Foreign Missions. Canon Tupper Carey. 1d.
The Gradual Conversion of Europe. Canon Maclean. 1d.
Missionary Study in War Time. Rev. Tissington Tatlow. 1d.
The Study Circle Method. Rev. B. G. O'Rorke, C.F. 1d.
The Missionary Prospect. Canon C. H. Robinson. Paper 1s. net, cloth 2s. 6d. net.
Story of Church Missions. Dr. Eugene Stock. 1s. 6d. net.
Principles and Problems of Foreign Missions. Bishop Montgomery. 6d. net.
Adventure for the Kingdom. Rev. W. E. S. Holland. 2d. net.
What Medical Missions are doing. S.P.G. 1d.
The World and the Gospel. J. H. Oldham. 2s. net.
The Goal of India. Rev. W. E. S. Holland. 2s. net (*preparing*).
Australia's Greatest Need. Rev. J. W. S. Tomlins. 2s. net.
Canada's Greatest Need. Rev. Edgar Rogers. 2s. net.
Land of Good Hope. Rev. H. Moore. 2s. net.
Our Opportunity in China. J. A. S. Batty. 1s. net.
Our Opportunity in Canada. Eda Green. 1s. net.
Our Opportunity in West Indies. Rev. B. G. O'Rorke, C.F. 1s. net.
A further List of selected Books on Missionary subjects can be had from S.P.G. Office. 1d.

Magazines.

Monthly.

The Mission Field—the Official Organ of the Society, price 1d. per copy.
The King's Messengers.—A Magazine for Children aged from 8—14. Price ½d. per copy.
The Home Workers' Gazette. Intended for all workers in the Missionary cause, and containing useful information and hints. Price 1d. per copy.
The Church Abroad. Issued in two sizes ($9\frac{3}{4}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ and $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$), primarily intended to be issued stitched up with monthly parish magazine. Price 1s. per 100 copies either size. Terms of subscription will be sent on application.

Quarterly.

The East and The West—A Review for the discussion of problems arising out of mission work, both in heathen countries and the Colonies. Price 1s. net. (by post 1s. 2d.). Annual Subscription 4s. 6d. *if prepaid* to S.P.G. House.

A Specimen Copy of any of the Magazines will be sent on application.

A MISSIONARY WEEK-END.

At this time many Churches are feeling the importance of getting a move on the missionary side of the parish work. The great thing is to adopt a system which promises the best results, and to gather all new missionary spirit into permanent channels of usefulness.

A Missionary Week-end not only makes the best use of a deputation, but it introduces a missionary note into all parochial organisations, thus proving a Mission in itself, reviving the spiritual forces of the parish, and giving them a definite missionary tone.

Suggested Outline Programme.

FRIDAY. Afternoon gathering of Mothers' Meeting, Mothers' Union, Girls' Friendly Society, or other parochial organisations.
Evening meeting and address with lantern slides, or after-dinner gathering with missionary address.

SATURDAY. Afternoon of continuous prayer for Missions, with intercessions for activities at home and abroad, concluding with Evensong and address.
A time table is generally arranged for such an afternoon.

SUNDAY. Missionary sermons at Morning and Evening Services, with special intercessions for the Society at the Holy Communion.
Afternoon Service and address for men.
Intercession Service for Missions Overseas after Evensong.

MONDAY, Addresses to children in the day school during the morning.
Drawing-room meeting in the afternoon, particularly for those not reached in other special gatherings.
General parish meeting during the evening, forming a climax to the week-end.

It is good to arrange the final meeting with a definite object in mind. Let the speakers deal with the subject of home responsibility and the share of the parish in the work of evangelisation. Picturesque details of native customs, while interesting in themselves, do not create a missionary spirit. As a rule, one speaker and a chairman will be sufficient for a meeting.

The possibilities of parishes vary so widely that particular suggestions are not always practicable, but it is important for the welfare of the Church that a missionary deputation should be allowed to help forward the missionary plans of a parish to a much larger extent than is generally possible in Sunday sermons and just a week-end meeting.

A MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

The war has united us more closely to our fellow subjects in India and Africa, and has given us a new sense of our responsibility for their welfare. We cannot now turn a deaf ear to the loud call for Christian teaching which comes from so many of them. The opportunities inside the Empire, as well as in such countries as China, are so great that it is no wonder that the Archbishops and Bishops should have appealed to the clergy to make a special effort to arouse Church people in this country to an adequate sense of their responsibility as members of the Catholic Church. With a view to bringing this responsibility home to the people throughout the country, special efforts are being made by way of Training Schools as part of the Missionary Campaign taking place this Autumn.

It is hoped that the Campaign in each parish will be conducted, not only by the clergy, but also by those of the laity, both men and women, who are engaged in any form of Church work. With a view to assisting the Campaign workers, Missionary Training Schools are taking place in many centres to prepare them for the task before them, and to instruct them on the means to be adopted.

The aim of the Training School is:—

1. To stimulate the enthusiasm of workers by a vivid presentation of the situation as it now is in the Mission Field.
2. To consider in conference by what means the workers may make themselves more effective agents in awakening enthusiasm and zeal for the missionary cause in their own respective spheres of influence.

The following outline is a specimen of what is being done in some few Training Schools. The times of the meetings must, of course depend on the more leisured hours of the people expected to be present.

Programme.

First Day.

8.15 to 9.0 p.m.	Introductory Address: "The Note of Urgency."
9.10 to 10.0 p.m.	Conference: "The Missionary Message and Children."

Second Day.

8.15 to 9.15 p.m.	Demonstration Study Circle.
9.15 to 10.0 p.m.	Conference: "The Missionary Message and Older Boys and Girls."

Third Day.

8.15 to 9.0 p.m.	Conference: "Training in Intercessory Prayer."
9.0 to 9.15 p.m.	Intercession.
9.15 to 10.0 p.m.	Address: "The Meaning of the Present World-wide Opportunity."

Contributions to the Society may be paid through Local Associations, or sent direct to the S.P.G. House, 15, Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

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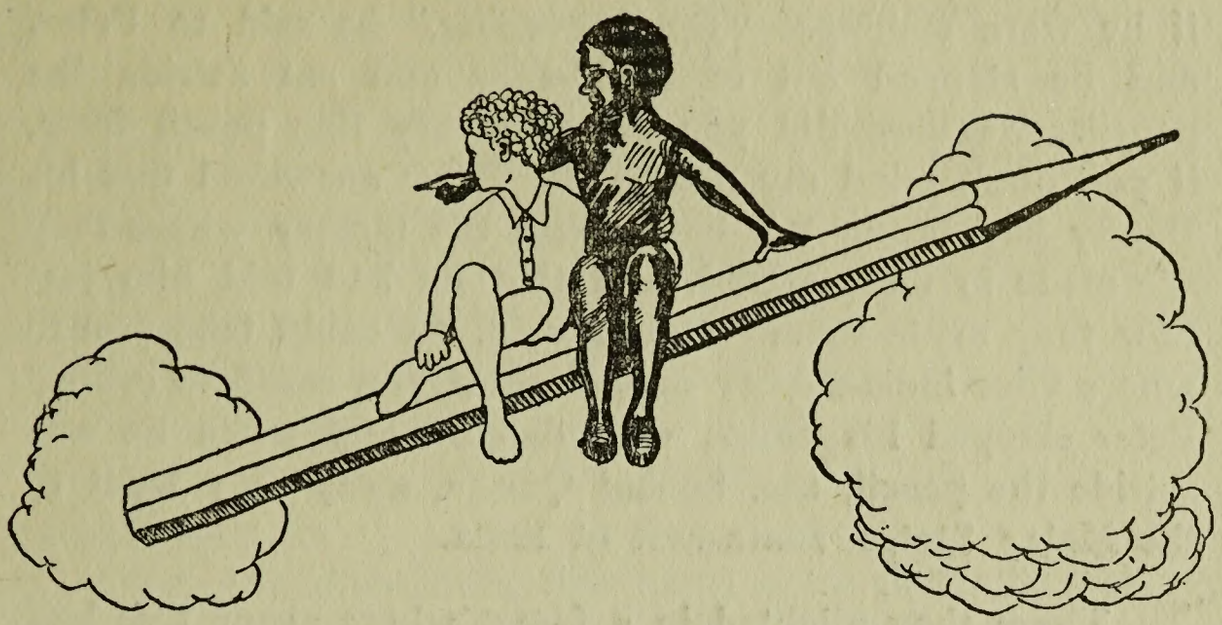

The Magic Pencil.

Puck: "I'll put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes."—A Midsummer's Night's Dream.

PETER was very dull. What is the good of a fine day when you have to spend it in bed? Even toys are not much use on these occasions, they will slide about and get under the clothes, and a tin soldier or clock-work train are not the most comfortable things to lie upon. At least, so Peter thought. He had a pencil and paper and a lovely big piece of india-rubber which his daddy had brought him at lunch-time, and now he was drawing a little boy. He hadn't given him any clothes, and when nurse came in with his tea she laughed and said if he blacked him he would be a little African.

Peter forgot his tea and did black his picture with his chalk, all except the eyes, which were very bright. He looked from his paper to the tray. "Tea and margarine, sugar," he said, "and bread."

Then he looked back at the little black boy. His eyes certainly were very bright, and it really seemed as

if he were smiling. "Good evening," he said to Peter, and he stepped out of the paper and sat astride the pencil. "Where did you get this very fine pencil from, if you don't mind my asking?" Peter answered that his Daddy had brought it home from the factory where they are made in Cumberland, and that he had told him just how they made them. Qunqu said, "I could take you to where your india-rubber came from if you cared to come." Peter clapped his hands with delight, and when he was astride the pencil, too, behind Qunqu, away they went to the Malay States, south-east of India.

There they alighted in a forest where every tree had strange marks on it. Everywhere were Malay coolies cutting strips of bark off, and at the end of each cut was a little cup fastened.

Peter went close to one tree and saw something which looked like milk running into the little cups. Qunqu told him it was rubber. When it had all been collected, it would be taken away and poured by other coolies into large square tanks. There all the thickest part of the rubber would rise to the top like cream, and be taken off and washed. When dry again it would be pressed out by rollers into crinkly ribbons and sent like that to the European factories.

Peter was very interested, as I know you would have been, and Qunqu said, "Now if you like, I can show you where the best kind of paper comes from. Did you know," he continued, as they settled themselves on the pencil and began to fly through the air, "that the Chinese were the first people to write on paper? The Arabs once fought against the Chinese and captured some prisoners. These prisoners taught the Arabs how to make paper out of flax and cotton. A great deal of your paper is still made out of rags, but some is made from the grass that grows by the Nile. You can see it now, and there are the Felaheens gathering it. It will be sent to England to the paper-mills there and it is thanks to these brown folk here that it is picked and packed up."

"As we are in Africa we will go and see where the margarine you are to have for tea comes from." They went west and saw tall coconut palms growing with all their branches and nuts at the very top. Up these bare trunks swarmed little bright-eyed boys, very much like Qunqu. They picked off the coconuts and threw them to the women and girls who waited below. These took them to the oldest women of all, the grannies who sit outside their huts and grind between two millstones 300,000 kernels in the year, for white men to make into margarine.

Peter was thrilled. He could have stood by one old grandmother for the rest of the day hearing her tales. But she suggested that Qunqu should take him to see how tea is grown. So away they went and were soon on the green slopes of the hills in Ceylon, hills that were covered with tea bushes. Women and girls moved from one bush to another picking off only the topmost bud and two leaves below. This they do through all the long hot days, and twice in each day the pluckings are taken to the factory. There they are spread out to dry and wither. They are rolled, heated and broken up all by machinery, attended to by Cingalese men. When the tea is ready, it is packed by more workmen into large lead-lined boxes, sealed down, so that no air shall get in until the tea is wanted for use.

Qunqu then whisked Peter off to the Sandwich Isles, where the natives, who once only thought of fighting and killing their neighbours, are now busy rolling the sugar cane through machinery to get out of it all the sweetening it holds, for the white man to use.

"Now," said Qunqu, "you must be tired, or if you are not, you ought to be, and besides, your tea will be getting cold. We'll say goodbye as we go. But mind you remember that nearly everything you use is prepared for you sometime and somewhere by your black and brown brothers." "Goodbye," said Peter, "I'll remember, I'll —" and he was lying in bed with his picture before him and his tea on the other side wanting attention.

Peter never forgot how many things the people of Africa and India, and the other countries gave him. We must not forget either. What can we do for them, when they do so much for us? We have something better than clothes and food and the things Peter saw; we know about God Who is our Father. We must tell them about Him. Will you help? There are three ways of doing it. You can read about the people in books and magazines. You can pray for them and you can give your money to help send out teachers and clergymen who will tell them of the love of Jesus. It will mean that you have to give time for reading and prayer. And if you give money it will mean you go without something you want—chocolates, perhaps, or sugar in your tea. But you will not mind giving up those things which the people over the sea have to get for you if you can in that way help to give them missionaries who will teach them about God.

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONARY WORK.

O Heavenly Father, Who didst send Thy Son to die upon the Cross for the sin of the whole world, help us, we pray Thee, to make Thy love known to all people. Call many more men and women to work for Thee abroad, and take care of all who are now living in distant lands; all this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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